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DEPUTY PORT MEDICAL OFFICER TO THE  
HULL AND GOOLE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

R. O. BLACK.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary  
Inspectors' Examination Joint Board as Sanitary Inspector.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of  
Meat and Other Foods.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Smoke Inspector.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR

E. K. PHILPOT.

(Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary  
Inspector's Examination Joint Board as Sanitary Inspector).

Resigned 31.1.56

CLERK

Miss M. P. FLETCHER



Public Health Department,  
Municipal Offices,  
Stanhope Street,  
Goole.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF GOOLE.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to present to you my ninth Annual Report on the health of the Borough of Goole and the work of the Public Health Department during 1955. The first Annual Report for the township was published for the year 1875, which makes this one the 81st in the series.

**VITAL STATISTICS :**

308 live births were registered, which was 5 more than in 1954. This gives a Birth Rate of 15.9 per 1,000 population and, by the application of the Comparability Factor, an Adjusted Birth Rate of 15.4. It compares favourably with the County figure of 15.3 and the National figure of 15.0. There were 10 stillbirths notified and 15 of all births were illegitimate.

288 deaths were registered as having occurred amongst residents of the Borough and this gives a Crude Death Rate of 14.8 per 1,000 population and an Adjusted Death Rate of 15.4. An analysis shows that 52 of the Deaths in St. John's Hospital were patients who would previously have been regarded as non-residents. It is my intention to disregard these deaths each year and present a Local Death Rate which will enable the comparison with the last eighty years to be maintained.

On this basis the Local Death Rate for 1955 was 12.2

10 deaths occurred under the age of one year and of these 6 occurred in the first month of life. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 32.5 and a Neonatal Mortality Rate of 19.5. The National Rates were 24.9 and 17.3 respectively. There was no death from maternal causes for the ninth consecutive year.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE :**

Notifiable infectious diseases totalled 443, largely accounted for by an epidemic of measles. 374 cases of measles occurred, mostly in the late spring months.

In April and May an outbreak of Sonne dysentery in a local institution, although mild, proved troublesome. The occurrence of diarrhoea in three of four babies in the nursery ward was put down to dietary changes but when further cases occurred ten days later I was asked to investigate. A dysentery organism,

*Shigella sonnei*, was recovered from the stools of eleven of the fifteen children and one nursing orderly. Ten children were removed to an isolation hospital and returned to the nursery after three negative stool tests. However, a recheck showed three of them to be still positive and they were readmitted to the isolation hospital for a further period.

In the meantime sporadic cases of diarrhoea were occurring in two wards for elderly persons. Investigation revealed in the adults eleven cases of *Shigella sonnei* infection and five carriers of the organism. A carrier was also found amongst the staff.

The actual source and mode of transmission was not established but it is significant that the infection was limited almost entirely to the very young and the very old—the hygienically untrained and the hygienically careless.

### **TUBERCULOSIS :**

A review of the deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in the last twenty years shows a steady and substantial decline in Goole from 0.89 per thousand in the quinquennial period 1931-35 to 0.20 in 1951-55. This improvement can be attributed to new methods of treatment and the earlier stage at which cases are diagnosed and brought under control.

During the same period the number of new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified has remained much the same each year so that relatively there is a slight increase in the number of tuberculous persons living in the community.

It is reasonable to expect that modern methods for early diagnosis and control will reduce the incidence of tuberculosis in the foreseeable future. Better living conditions, improved housing, regular miniature radiography examinations, the co-operation and careful supervision of contacts, and vaccination of selected groups with B.C.G. vaccine can do much or little according to the amount of intelligent support received from the public.

During 1955 B.C.G. vaccination has been offered to all children during their fourteenth year and the parental acceptance of 65% is encouraging. Vaccination will continue to be offered to children as they reach this age group. The Chest Physician at Bartholomew Hospital is always willing to advise regarding B.C.G. vaccination for the child contacts of tuberculous cases at any age.

In conclusion I must record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health and Sanitation Committee, the Staffs of the Health Department and the Divisional Health Office and the Voluntary Workers at the Clinic for their co-operation during 1955.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

July, 1956.

Medical Officer of Health.

## NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

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Goole is the most inland and one of the busiest and important of the East Coast Ports, being situated on the navigable and tidal portion of the Yorkshire Ouse about fifty miles from the sea. It is located in the flat alluvial plain of the vale of York, at the extreme eastern portion of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

It lies at a lower level than the waters of the ordinary tides which are prevented from overflowing by artificially raised banks. The general level of the town is eight to twelve feet above sea level.

The sub-soil consists of alluvial deposit or warp, which is naturally damp. Below the warp, at a depth of about six feet, is a layer of peat which varies in thickness from less than one foot to more than six feet in different parts of the town. Immediately below the peat is a layer of laminated clay which is generally covered with a thin bed of sand.

Although Goole Borough has an area of only 1,267 acres it is the market town for a large agricultural district being entirely surrounded by the Goole Rural District with an area of over 38,000 acres. Its next nearest neighbour is the Howden Rural District across the river Ouse in the East Riding of Yorkshire, from whence it also attracts trade.

Together with an extensive coastal trade the port has important commercial dealings with the continental and Baltic ports. The export of coal produced in the South Yorkshire Coalfield and the import and export of general merchandise being the life-blood of the town. The majority of the working population find their livelihood in shipping, shipbuilding and repairing, engineering, milling, malting, fertiliser and dextrine manufacture, wholesale clothing, agriculture, and their ancillary trades. The Corporation own the water undertaking, market hall, cattle market, slaughter-house, library, parks and public gardens, public baths, and a pleasure ground for outdoor athletic pursuits. The Corporation owns over fifteen hundred dwellings and has made the necessary provision for the building of another six hundred during the next five years. Every house has an adequate supply of pure water and the town is now entirely on the water carriage system. The state of employment is very good and this is reflected in the general well being of the people. With few exceptions all streets both front and back have been properly made up and adopted by the local authority. Goole can be truly described as a clean and well administered small town, with reasonable amenities and pleasant rural surroundings despite the very flat nature of the countryside which is said to resemble the flat parts of the Netherlands.



# THE HEALTH OF GOOLE DURING 1955

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## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres 1,267.

Rateable Value £108,172.

Product of a Penny Rate £400 (estimated).

Number of houses inhabited 6,224.

Population. Registrar-General's Estimates, Mid-Yearly—19,400.

1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
19,410	19,360	19,330	19,060	19,470	19,600	19,560	18,920
1946							
18,630							

## BIRTHS 1946—1955

(Comparability Factor 1955 — 0.97)

### LIVE BIRTHS.

	Legitimate.		Illegitimate.		Totals.		Total.	Rate
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	M. & F.	per 1,000
1955	140	153	6	9	146	162	308	15.9
1954	142	151	6	4	148	155	303	15.6
1953	162	154	7	4	169	158	327	16.9
1952	203	139	7	7	210	146	356	18.4
1951	140	149	9	11	149	160	309	16.2
1950	175	133	10	6	185	139	324	16.6
1949	186	157	10	5	196	162	358	18.3
1948	200	170	6	11	206	181	387	19.8
1947	204	231	17	12	221	243	464	24.5
1946	205	163	5	13	210	176	386	20.7

### STILL BIRTHS.

1955 — 31.4 per 1,000 Births (live and still)

1955	4	6	0	0	4	6	10	31.4
1954	5	4	1	0	6	4	10	31.9
1953	3	5	0	0	3	5	8	23.9
1952	3	4	0	0	3	4	7	19.3
1951	9	3	0	0	9	3	12	37.4
1950	5	4	1	0	6	4	10	29.9
1949	7	5	1	0	8	5	13	35.0
1948	4	2	0	0	4	2	6	15.3
1947	3	5	0	0	3	5	8	16.9
1946	8	5	0	0	8	5	13	32.5



## MARRIAGES, 1946-55

Year.	No. of Marriages.	Rate per 1,000.	Year.	No. of Marriages.	Rate per 1,000.
1955	205	21.1	1950	194	19.9
1954	178	18.3	1949	218	22.2
1953	207	21.3	1948	237	24.2
1952	201	20.8	1947	234	24.7
1951	201	21.1	1946	226	24.2

## DEATHS, 1948-55

(Comparability Factor 1955 — 1.04)

Year.	M.	F.	Total.	Rate.	Year.	M.	F.	Total.	Rate.
*(1955	128	106	234	12.2)	1952	133	94	227	11.7
1955	151	137	288	14.8	1951	164	104	268	14.1
*(1954	143	121	264	13.6)					
1954	198	150	348	17.9	1950	121	92	213	10.9
*(1953	130	105	235	12.1)	1949	139	115	254	13.0
1953	190	147	337	17.4	1948	131	102	233	11.9

\* Locally amended death rate after deduction of the deaths of persons in St. John's Hospital not previously regarded as residents of the Borough.

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

			Males.	Females.	Total.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	4	1	5
Syphilitic disease	...	...	1	1	2
Meningococcal infections	...	...	1	0	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	5	2	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	0	7	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	0	3	3
Other malignant neoplasms	...	...	18	7	25
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	0	1	1
Diabetes	...	...	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	17	20	37
Coranary disease, angina	...	...	30	9	39
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	4	11	15
Other heart disease	...	...	16	24	40
Other circulatory disease	...	...	6	11	17
Influenza	...	...	1	1	2
Pneumonia	...	...	6	4	10
Bronchitis	...	...	11	12	23
Other respiratory disease	...	...	0	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	2	0	2
Gastro—enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	0	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	2	0	2
Congenital malformations	...	...	4	0	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	10	14	24
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	2	0	2
All other accidents	...	...	5	1	6
Suicide	...	...	2	0	2
Total			151	137	288

# MATERNAL MORTALITY 1946-55

Year	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rate per 1,000 Total Births	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5

# INFANTILE MORTALITY 1946-55

Year.	M.	F.	Total.	Rate	Year.	M.	F.	Total.	Rate.
1955	7	3	10	32.5	1950	11	7	18	55.6
1954	4	7	11	36.3	1949	5	10	15	41.9
1953	5	8	13	39.8	1948	8	7	15	39.0
1952	8	5	13	36.5	1947	11	7	18	38.8
1951	5	4	9	29.1	1946	8	5	13	33.7

# INFANTILE MORTALITY.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total
Broncho-pneumonia and prematurity ...					1				1
Intra-cranial hemorrhage ...	1								1
Asphyxia, congenital debility ...					1				1
Asphyxia, atelectasis ...	1								1
Congenital abnormalities...	2								2
Meningitis ...						1			1
Asphyxia, inhalation of vomit ...						1			1
Atelectasis ...	1								1
Broncho-pneumonia and congenital heart disease						1			1
Total ...	5				2	3			10

# TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1955

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-24	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
25-34	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
35-44	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-54	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
55-64	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
65- +	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	9	4	1	1	4	1	0	0

## Comparative Figures.

Year.	New Cases.	Deaths.	Rate.	Year.	New Cases.	Deaths.	Rate.
1955	15	5	0.26	1945	21	11	0.61
1954	15	2	0.10	1944	19	9	0.50
1953	20	4	0.21	1943	16	16	0.91
1952	13	4	0.21	1942	24	13	0.71
1951	28	6	0.31	1941	21	12	0.65
1950	21	4	0.20	1931	79	31	1.62
1949	21	11	0.56	1921	37	27	1.39
1948	30	10	0.61	1911	—	26	1.28
1947	29	12	0.63	1901	—	28	1.69
1946	26	8	0.42				

## TOTAL CASES ON REGISTER.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Pulmonary	76	52	128
Non-Pulmonary	8	13	21
	84	65	149

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

During 1955 action was taken under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the National Assistance Act, 1948, with regard to a 90 year old widow who was aged and infirm and living in insanitary conditions.



# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING 1955

		NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE							
		at all ages							Deaths
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 64	
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...			2	1			
Erysipelas	...	...					3		
Scarlet Fever	...	...	1	2					
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	13		2	1	5	4	1	5
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	...	2			2				
Measles	...	374	17	221	136				
Lobar Pneumonia	...	18	4	1	3	5	1	4	10
Influenzal Pneumonia	...	1						1	2
Whooping Cough	...	1	1						
Acute Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic...		2	1		1				
Dysentery	...	23	8			1	3	8	
Total	...	443	233	143	6	12	11	14	17

**GOOLE BOROUGH**  
**PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1955**  
Based on Registrar-General's Figures.

	Goole Borough	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provisional figures).
<b>BIRTH RATE</b> (per 1,000 estimated population)...	15.9	14.8	15.3	15.0
<b>DEATH RATES</b> (all per 1,000 estimated population)				
All Causes (Crude D.R.) ...	14.8 (12.2)	12.5	11.7	11.7
Infective and Parasitic Diseases* ... ..	0.26	0.06	0.07	**
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0.26	0.11	0.11	0.13
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	0.0	0.02	0.01	0.02
Respiratory Diseases † (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system) ... ..	1.91 (1.70)	1.28	1.21	**
Cancer ... ..	2.37 (1.86)	2.03	1.90	2.06
Heart & Circulatory Diseases ‡ ...	5.72 (4.38)	4.71	4.39	**
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ... ..	1.91 (1.44)	2.09	1.90	**
<b>INFANT MORTALITY</b> (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births) ... ..	32.5	25.2	26.2	24.9
<b>STILLBIRTHS</b> ... ..	31.4	26.4	26.4	23.1
<b>MATERNAL MORTALITY</b> (Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and still births)	0.0	0.45	0.67	0.64

\* Combined death rate from syphilitic disease, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningococcal infections, acute poliomyelitis, measles and other infective and parasitic diseases.

† Combined death rate from bronchitis, pneumonia, influenza and other respiratory diseases, excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system.

‡ Combined death rate from heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory system.

\*\* Figures not available.

Figures in brackets give the rates after deducting deaths in St. John's Hospital of patients not normally resident in Goole Borough.

## WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN GOOLE 1955.

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County Districts boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Goole Borough but it should be noted in certain cases that the figures are those for the Borough and Rural District combined, or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

### 1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	...	...	...	...	308
Stillbirths	...	...	...	...	10
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	15
Males	...	...	...	...	146
Females	...	...	...	...	162

### 2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing 5½lbs. or less at birth.

				Live.	Still-born.
(i) Born at home	...	...	...	12	3
(ii) Born in a hospital	...	...	...	17	2
				—	—
				29	5
				—	—

### 3. HEALTH VISITING (for Division No. 10 as a whole).

	1st Visits.	Other Visits.	Total.
Expectant mothers	303	200	503
Children under 1 year	666	6182	6848
„ between 1 and 5 years	2800	6886	9686
Other cases	—	1806	1806
Ineffective visits	—	1708	1708
	—	—	—
Total	3769	16782	20551

### 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

(a) Total number of children under 5 years of age who first attended the Clinics during the year, and who at the date of their first attendance were :—

(i) under 1 year	...	...	...	289
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(b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinics during the year and who at the end of the year were :—

(i) under 1 year	...	...	...	240
(ii) over 1 year	...	...	...	250



Number of Sessions held :—

Bartholomew Avenue	...	...	...	48
Total attendance	...	...	...	2796
Average per session	...	...	...	58.2
Old Goole	...	...	...	51
Total attendance	...	...	...	831
Average per session	...	...	...	16.3
Total attendance in 1955				3627

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

CONSULTANT CLINICS.—ORTHOPAEDIC.

Number of individual patients seen :—

Pre-School	...	...	10
School	...	...	11

Recommended operative treatment :—

Pre-School	...	...	0
School	...	...	0

Recommended treatment by physiotherapist :—

Pre-School	...	...	0
School	...	...	0

Total attendances at Clinic :—

Pre-School	...	...	12
School	...	...	15

PHYSIOTHERAPY SESSIONS :—

Number of cases for exercises :—

Pre-School	...	...	7
School	...	...	16

Total number of attendances :—

Pre-School	...	...	97
School	...	...	441

Number of cases for ultra-violet light ... .. 28

Total number of attendances ... .. 741

PAEDIATRIC.

Number of individual patients seen :—

Pre-School	...	...	26
School	...	...	61

Total number of attendances :—

Pre-School	...	...	44
School	...	...	109

SPEECH THERAPY.

Number of new cases :—

Stammers	...	...	...	2
Other defects	...	...	...	10

COUNTY OCULIST.

Number of new cases seen	...	...	...	444
Number for whom spectacles prescribed	...	...	...	183

## SCHOOL CLINICS AND MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Number of attendances at Clinic	...	...	2729
Number of children inspected in school by doctors			1433
Number of examinations by nurses	...	...	7988
The following defects were found at Medical Inspections :		Requiring treatment.	For observ- ation.
Verminous heads	...	167	—
Skin	...	21	9
Vision	...	118	96
Other eye conditions	...	14	23
Hearing	...	—	4
Other ear defects	...	4	8
Nose and throat	...	116	8
Speech	...	39	49
Cervical glands	...	20	14
Heart and circulation	...	1	17
Lungs	...	6	25
Developmental	...	5	16
Orthopaedic	...	19	19
Nervous system	...	2	12
Psychological	...	40	22
Other conditions	...	31	14

## EDUCATIONALLY SUBNORMAL CHILDREN.

Primary mental testing	...	...	14
Re-examinations	...	...	24
Pre-school age (informal)	...	...	1
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	...	...	0
Reported to M.D.A. for supervision	...	...	9
Recommended for special residential school	...	...	12
Attending special residential schools	...	...	8

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE (Division No. 10 as a whole)

Number inspected	...	...	...	6609
Requiring treatment	...	...	...	4953
Offered treatment	...	...	...	3598
Treated	...	...	...	2129

## 6. MIDWIFERY.

### ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

The Divisional Office is still operating the Bed Booking Bureau for the Goole Maternity Home and therefore, mothers from the East Riding also attend the Goole Clinic. The table below gives the number of attendances, number of first attendances and the number of expectant mothers attending the Clinic, whether institutional or domiciliary bookings.

Area.	New Cases.	Total Visits.	Number of Women Attending.
Goole B.	... 194	1264	293
Goole R.	... 32	146	7
East Riding	... 25	125	6
Other W.R.C.C.	... 5	12	0
Total	... 256	1547	306
Average per session	... 5.5	30.3	

Blood tests were carried out on 245 expectant mothers and 16 expectant fathers during the year. 41 of the former and 1 of the latter were found to have Rhesus Negative blood.

A Mothercraft and Relaxation Exercise Class for expectant mothers is held weekly in the Goole Clinic and is well attended. An evening class for post-natal and general exercises was held weekly during the winter.

#### MOTHERS CONFINED IN HOSPITAL.

Goole Maternity Home	...	...	...	96
Leeds Maternity Hospitals	...	...	...	8
Wakefield Maternity Hospitals	...	...	...	24
Other	...	...	...	0
Total				128

The figure given for Goole Maternity Home does not include mothers who normally do not reside in Goole.

There were 188 domiciliary confinements in Goole.

The following is a summary of the work of the Midwives but due to overlapping of Midwives' districts and district boundaries the figures are for the Division as a whole.

Number of cases	...	...	...	406
Number of visits	...	...	...	12550
Number of cases where Gas and Air administered	...	...	...	324
Number of Midwives	...	...	...	9
Number of Midwives qualified to administer Gas and Air	...	...	...	9

#### 7. HOME NURSING (for Division No. 10 as a whole).

Number of cases booked during the year	...	629
Number of visits made during the year	...	16764

#### 8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps attended the following cases.

Expectant Mothers and Lying In Mothers	...	53
General Illness	...	60
Aged	...	117

Total ... 230

A total of 45,323 hours was worked by the home helps.

#### 9. VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

Valuable assistance has again been given in a voluntary capacity at the Bartholomew Clinic by the ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Goole and by Mrs. A. E. Smith.

Their services are greatly appreciated.

#### 10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA—during 1955.

Number of completed injections:—

Children under 5 years	...	177
Children over 5 years	...	51
Total		228
Booster doses	...	273

Total ... 491

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1955:—

Age—years	0-1	1-4	5-9	10-14	under 15 Total
Number	72	504	1196	1381	3153
Percentage	36.1%		88.7%		70.7%



# 11. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH.

Age	under 6 months	6-12 mths.	1-2 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	Total
Number (1955)	1	89	29	6	8	133
Number any time up to 31st Dec. 1955	—	24	120	130	59	333

# 12. B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(13 years of age).

Number of acceptances in 1955 ... 292 (65.0%)

Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests :

Positive (not requiring vaccination) ... 84 (23.7%)

Negative (requiring vaccination) ... 271 (76.3%)

355

Number vaccinated with B.C.G. ... 271

# 13. MENTAL HEALTH.

## (a) Mental Deficiency Acts 1913-1938.

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1955 was as follows:—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under Guardianship ...	0	0	0
Under Statutory Supervision ...	27	17	44
Under Voluntary Supervision ...	2	2	4
On Licence from Institutions ...	1	5	6

## (b) Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts 1890-1930.

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Duly Authorised Officer during 1955 were as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Voluntary patients ...	7	5	12
By Temporary Order ...	4	1	5
By "Three Day" Order ...	0	0	0
By Summary Reception Order ...	6	2	8
	17	8	25

Referred for action but  
proceedings unnecessary ... 2 1 3

# 14. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

It will be of interest to note the following table of patients carried by the W.R.C.C. Ambulances stationed at Goole and Selby during 1955.

	Goole.	Selby
Accident cases ...	490	116
Maternity cases ...	239	198
Other cases ...	13,978	4,827
Journeys made ...	4,358	2,150
Total patients carried ...	14,707	5,141
Mileage travelled ...	102,552	73,517

# 15. MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited Goole in July, 1955.

Number of attendances ... 2681

Number of Large films ... 71

Number of Abnormalities found (all defects) 21

## PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10.

The County Districts forming Division No. 10, are:—

Goole Borough.	Selby Urban.	
Goole Rural.	Selby Rural.	
Area of the Division (in acres)	...	76,692.
Population (estimated mid-1955)	...	45,250

### Divisional Staff:

Divisional Medical Officer and  
Divisional School Medical Officer.

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Assistant County Medical Officers  
and School Medical Officers.

EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

School Dental Officers.

P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S.

G. O. WOOD, L.D.S. (Divisions 10 and 9).

### Health Visitors and School Nurses :

Miss D. M. BUTLER; Miss J. DAVIS; Mrs. M. DODSON;  
Mrs. M. HARGREAVES; Mrs. B. HOLMES; Mrs. M. KELLY;  
Mrs. L. PRATT; Miss A. RIDSDALE; Miss F. WELFORD.

### Home Nurses :

Miss P. K. AGER; Mrs. A. BLACKBURN; Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN;  
Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN; Mrs. L. A. POLLARD;  
Miss M. WHITTAKER.

### Domiciliary Midwives :

Mrs. E. BALLANCE; Miss I. CAMPBELL; Mrs. M. COLLIER;  
Miss M. GILHOME; Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW;  
Mrs. L. KITCHEN; Miss M. ROBINSON; Miss A. TOLSON;  
Miss E. WHITLEY.

### Mental Health :

Mrs. A. STELL (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12).  
Mrs. D. H. MILLINGTON (Home Teacher).

### Physiotherapy :

Miss E. ALDERSON (part-time).

### Speech Therapy :

Miss K. WADE (Divisions 10, 12 and 11).

### Duly Authorised Officer :

Mr. T. G. FOSTER.

### Clerical :

Senior Clerk : Mr. R. TOWELL.

Miss S. L. BRAMHAM; Miss F. A. CAMPBELL; Mr. H. DODSON;  
Mr. G. N. NOWILL; Miss B. REED; Miss J. E. SMAJE;  
Miss M. E. WORMALD.

**W.R.C.C. CLINICS IN GOOLE.**

(30-6-56)

**(a) Bartholomew Avenue Public Health Centre.**

MONDAY 10—12 : MINOR AILMENTS.

MENTAL HEALTH.

SUNLIGHT.

2—4 : MOTHERCRAFT CLASS.

TUESDAY 10—12 : REMEDIAL EXERCISES.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

(second in month) Mr. A. J. S. Bell-Tawse.

2—4 : CHILD WELFARE. ... Dr. M. J. Lowe.

WEDNESDAY 10—12 : MINOR AILMENTS.

SPEECH THERAPY/MENTAL HEALTH.

2—4 : PAEDIATRIC CLINIC. ... Dr. J. D. Pickup.  
(first in month).

MENTAL HEALTH.

THURSDAY 10—12 : REMEDIAL EXERCISES.

SUNLIGHT.

2—4 : MENTAL HEALTH/SPEECH THERAPY.

FRIDAY 10—12 : SCHOOL CLINIC. ... Dr. M. J. Lowe.

MENTAL HEALTH.

1-30—4 : MATERNITY CLINIC. ... Dr. M. J. Lowe.

MONDAY to

FRIDAY 9—10 a.m. HEALTH VISITORS available for  
consultation in the Health Centre.

Eye-testing Sessions are held on first, third and fourth  
Thursday in the month by Dr. L. Wittels.

Dental treatment is provided throughout the week at the  
County Dental Clinic in Westfield Avenue.

**(b) Old Goole.**

MONDAY and FRIDAY 10—12 : MINOR AILMENTS.  
(County Primary School).

THURSDAY 2—4 : CHILD WELFARE. ... Dr. M. J. Lowe.  
(St. Mary's Sunday School).



Municipal Offices,  
Goole.  
May, 1956.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS  
OF THE BOROUGH OF GOOLE.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my twentieth annual report on the work of the Sanitary Section of the Public Health Department, having entered your service in January 1936. Despite the pre-war trade depression, unemployment, the wasted years of the war, the difficulties and frustrations of the post-war period, some progress in public health matters has been made during these twenty years. In 1936 Goole had a population of 19,930 persons occupying 5246 houses equal to 3.8 persons in each house. The estimated population for 1955 is 19,400 persons occupying 6,224 houses equal to 3.1 persons per house, so that the average person has more and better living accommodation. The houses owned by the Council in 1935 numbered 447, they now number 1,600 while in the same period 284 houses have been built by private enterprise. From 1936 to 1939 462 unfit houses had been abolished and the 1,682 occupants rehoused. Since the war the machinery has been set in motion to abolish 136, with plans laid to abolish a further 300 during the next five years. 883 pail closets have been abolished to make a total of 3,059 converted to waterclosets. In 1936 the work of making up and adopting front and back streets was still in active progress and a total length of nearly ten miles has been made up at a cost exceeding forty thousand pounds. When we consider how much it would cost to carry out these conversions and make up those roads today we may well bless the perseverance of the Council of that day who pushed ahead regardless of the opposition, with schemes that were by no means popular. In 1936 the major part of the milk consumed in the Borough was raw, and half the samples taken then showed it to be dirty and unsafe. Today not less than 97% of the milk is heat-treated and as safe as modern science can make it.

In 1936, 104 children fell victims to the disease diphtheria and 6 died of it. Thanks to the benefits of immunisation there has not been a case of diphtheria in Goole since 1944. We must not however become complacent, for much remains to be done in the realms of environmental hygiene. Higher standards in the handling of food, a cleaner atmosphere, less litter in our public places, better methods of storing, collecting and disposing of refuse, more and better public conveniences, the cessation of the existing pollution of Hook Drain, the modernisation of the public slaughter-house, to mention but a few.

The year under review has not been without its troubles. Advertising in the early part of the year failed to bring even one application for the vacant post of district inspector and at the time of writing Mr. Philpot is leaving us to go to a more attractive post. Although shortages of material have not been so acute, there have been great shortages of labour and it has been difficult to get all necessary repairs carried out. The regular jobbing tradesmen

are very co-operative and I do not know any men who work harder but they cannot do all that is needed and we have tried their patience very fully at times, nevertheless 482 sanitary notices covering 700 defects were complied with.

A full year of freedom from control in the meat trade has seen a very busy time at the public slaughterhouse where the number of animals dealt with was 10,076 exceeding the 1939 figure of 7,727 by 2,349. Calculated on a cattle-unit basis this is an increase of forty per cent.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

R. O. BLACK,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

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## **SANITARY ACCOMMODATION**

### **DOCKS ESTATE.**

The last of the pailclosets on the docks estate has now been demolished and replaced by a modern sanitary block containing W.C.s, urinal and washbasins. It has taken a long time to secure the abolition of the 41 pail closets which were in 13 different sites but it has been well worth the trouble and the Docks Executive are to be commended for their enlightened attitude towards what for long was a serious sanitary defect.

### **DWELLINGHOUSES.**

The only occupied houses with pail closets are :—

Bennett's Cottage, Albert Street.

Potter Grange Farm.

41, 43 North Street.

3 Cross Street.

Bennett's Cottage and Potter Grange Farm are too far distant from the sewer to convert. The other three houses are to be closed when they are vacated.

Plans submitted for an office on waste land in Albert Street were rejected because of lack of proper sanitary accommodation and the applicants thereupon made proposals which the Council agreed to as a temporary measure.

The old trough closets at St. Thomas R.C. School, Old Goole have been abolished and replaced by waterclosets. The school managers are to be commended for this very acceptable improvement.

### **HOUSING.**

At the end of another five year period it may be useful to review what has been done in the post-war years to add to and improve housing conditions within the Borough. The necessary procedure, formal or informal, has been taken to either prohibit or restrict the use of 136 houses for human habitation thus :—

(a) Houses which are the subject of Demolition Orders—	
Don Street 63 to 91 odd nos. inclusive	15
Don Street 34 to 56 even nos. inclusive	12
Don Street 62, 64	2
Doyle Street 3, 7	2
(b) Houses which the owners have agreed to close—	
Don Street 93	1
Swinefleet Road 65	1
Chapel Street 4, 7	2
Johnson's Buildings 1, 2, 4, 5, 6	5
Ouse Street 2	1
Ouse Street 14 (cellar)	1
North Street 41, 43, 45	3
South Street 62, 64, 68, 70, 72, 88, 88a, 90, 92	9
(c) Houses not to be occupied by children—	
Back East Parade 2	1
Back North Street 2	1
George Street 26	1
(d) Houses which are the subject of Compulsory Purchase Orders—	
Cross Stanley Street 2 to 12 even nos. inclusive	6
Stanley Street 4, 6, 8	3
Alexandra Street 1, 3, 5, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48/50	8
Edinburgh Street 40, 42, 44, 46	4
Burlington Crescent 37 to 51 odd nos. inclusive	8
Estcourt Street 2 to 36 even nos. inclusive	18
Stanley Street 3 to 59 odd nos. inclusive	28
Burlington Crescent 29, 31, 33, 35	4
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	136

Of these 136 houses 61 have already been vacated and 12 demolished. Another 55 dwellings in Wesley Square and Paradise Place have been surveyed and recorded and will be represented as suitable for a Clearance Area early in 1956. During the year 69 new council houses have been completed and there were 26 casual vacancies making a total of 95 dwellings available for letting and these were allocated thus:—

Where there was a T.B. patient or T.B. contacts	8
Other forms of serious sickness	8
Aged, infirm or aged sick persons	15
To abate overcrowding	17
Rehoused from condemned dwellings	28
Rehoused from huttred dwellings	2
Ordinary applicants	17
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During the year there were also 19 dwellings built by private enterprise. 101 applications for improvement grants have been received and investigated. The improvement in each case has been the provision of a bathroom and 58 applications received final approval. The total costs involved were £12,082. 5s. 5d. and the total grants made came to £5,168. Since grants became available 72 have been made amounting to £6,578. 3s. 0d. towards the total of which was £15,030. 0s. 10d.

Since the war ended the Council has built 616 houses, 64 flats and 40 bungalows making a total of 720 dwellings completed. The



total number of dwellings owned by the Council at the end of the year was 1,600 plus 19 houses in Spencer Street and No. 15 Gladstone Terrace. No. 15 Gladstone Terrace is a house with five bedrooms and two livingrooms which was bought, modernised and thoroughly repaired to rehouse a very large family living in a condemned house and for whom the Council did not own a house big enough to accommodate them. The works of repair and improvement in the nineteen Spencer Street houses were completed in August and the rents adjusted accordingly. The two hutted dwellings in Swinefleet Road which were still occupied at the end of 1954 were vacated early in the year and there are now no huts in use as dwellings and they are gradually being demolished. During the year 140 persons have been registered as applicants for Council houses and of these 77 are known to be living in rooms. The demands of slum clearance and the reduction in subsidies for non-slum clearance housing are bound to minimise the chances of the ordinary applicants for council houses and therefore every encouragement and inducement should be given to those who are willing to buy a house for themselves and if necessary modernise it, by ways of loans and grants. The Council's officers in all departments are always ready and willing to assist those people who desire to do this. Works of repair were carried out by the Council on the default of the owner under the provisions of the Housing Act at the following houses:—

74 Burlington Crescent.	50 Edinburgh Street.
21, 25 Gordon Street.	26 Jefferson Street.
48 Moorland Road.	20, 69 Parliament Street.

Following the service of Statutory Notices under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 and the failure of the owner to abate the nuisances resort was made to the local bench who made abatement orders to be complied with within 14 days and ordered the owner to pay 12/6d. costs in each of the two cases.

Five applications have been made for Certificates of Disrepair. Four were issued and one refused. Three of the certificates issued this year and one issued in 1954 have been revoked the owners having remedied the defects.

Negotiations by the Council for the purchase of fifty unfit houses in Fourth Avenue and St. Andrew's Terrace district are still in progress. Should this property be acquired it is the intention of the Council to carry out the essential repairs and to maintain them until such time as it is possible to rehouse the tenants, demolish the houses and redevelop the site.

## **RODENT CONTROL.**

During the year 86 complaints were made regarding rats and 14 regarding mice. Where business premises are concerned the Council does not undertake treatment but will give advice. Where householders or private premises are concerned every assistance is given freely by way of advice and treatment, especially regarding structural or drainage defects. Airmyn Wood Refuse Tip has been treated twice during the year, once in January and once in September. On the first occasion 162 bodies were picked up and on the second 63. The physical difficulties preventing the efficient treatment of this tip were explained in the Annual Report for 1953. In December the tip was tidied up considerably by the use of a bulldozer and it is hoped to treat the tip again in January 1956.



## **MILK.**

Two firms were prosecuted during the year for selling milk in bottles which had not been properly cleansed. Each pleaded guilty but stressed the care taken to avoid such mishaps. One was fined £10 and the other £5. Because of the shortage of staff and the pressure of other duties no samples were taken during the year for either bacteriological examination, biological tests or chemical analysis. As however all the milk consumed in the town, except for a few gallons daily, is heat treated, this omission is perhaps not so serious as it would appear.

## **LICENSED PREMISES.**

**Buchanan Hotel, Weatherill Street.** The whole of the premises including the living accommodation and the sanitary conveniences for patrons have been reconstructed on modern lines.

**Mariners Arms, South Street.** Hot water has been provided to the sink behind the bar. All the licensed premises in the town are now provided with sinks and hot water in the bars.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.**

What used to be said cynically, that the state looks after us from the cradle to the grave, has now become a truism. Several applications have been made to the Council by the relatives of deceased persons for the Council to arrange and of course pay for their burial. Some seem to be under the impression that the mysterious "they" should subsidise what under the circumstances related by the relatives appear to be needlessly expensive and ostentatious funerals. Needless to say they are astonished and not a little indignant to be told that where the means are limited a more modest funeral might well suffice. The relatives of one aged woman who had two sons and one daughter proved adamant and she was buried at the expense of the ratepayers.

Complaints were received regarding the sale of horseflesh for animal food from a house in a good residential district. The matter was referred to the Housing and Town Planning Committee and the sale has now ceased.

As a safety precaution the ordinary gas taps in the Council's aged persons dwellinghouses have been replaced by safety taps.

Byelaws have been made and came into operation on December 1st prohibiting the parking of vehicles on the grass verges of public highways.

When inspecting a vacant council house it was found that the outgoing tenant had in making so-called improvements to the house damaged the doors and picture mouldings to the extent of £5. 0s. 4d. and this amount was recovered from him.

At the request of the department a dangerous unused well in the old St. Mary's Church in Old Goole was filled in and flagged over.

Where dustbins are provided in default of the owner a charge 2/6d. per bin is made to cover the cost of delivery.

The responsibility for the replacement of electrical fuses in Council houses was placed upon the tenants and where the tenant asks the Council to replace fuses a charge of 3/- per visit is made.

A notice was served under the provisions of the W.R.C.C. General Powers Act, 1951 on the owner of the derelict buildings at the rear of the Burlington Hotel requiring him to execute repairs or restoration or if he so elects to demolish the buildings and remove the rubbish. The owner elected to repair and restore and at his request the time to do this was extended to April 30th, 1956.

## HOOK DRAIN.

The watercourse known as Hook Drain enters the Borough at the junction of Newclose Lane and Thorntree Lane, flowing behind the dwelling houses on the east side of Mount Pleasant Road and those on the west side of Chiltern Road. It passes the end houses in Brough Street, Colonel's Walk, Marlborough and Fifth Avenues where it ceases to be an open channel and becomes a 6ft. x 6ft. barrel-shaped sewer. From this point it goes under the railway and proceeding in almost a dead straight line skirts the west boundary of Alexandra Street School, the rear of the Police Barracks, the Court House, the Co-op Society's Premises and under the Cinema Palace. Beginning to curve under the corner of the Market Hall beside the Gas Show Room it runs under the public conveniences, under some of the buildings and most of the forecourts in the north side of North Street until it finally discharges at Lock Hill. In its progress it picks up tributary sewers which serve the greater part of the area bounded by Estcourt Terrace, Government Street, Ellen's View, Edinburgh Street, Argyle Street, Sotheron Street, Hook Road, North Street and so back to Estcourt Terrace. Because of the low lying situation of this area in relation to the river it is not possible for the drain to discharge by gravity at all states of the tide and for long periods in each day the drain is tide-locked. The inevitable consequence is that the sewage from this large area accumulates in the sewer, and 'backs up', causing the natural flow of the drain to be reversed in the direction of Hook, so that the OPEN as well as the CLOSED part of the drain becomes a sewer. With this important difference—properly designed sewers are closed and self cleansing, whereas this open channel with earth bottom and sides is for many hundreds of yards coated with black filth which is nothing but putrifying sewage. Were this a fairly rapid flowing stream there would be grave objections to the presence of such a strong concentration of sewage but here the rate of flow is so sluggish that even at the best of times the natural factors which tend to aerate and purify polluted streams cannot operate at all so that we have a heavily polluted, sluggish stream flowing in close proximity to dwelling-houses. The very factors which militate against the natural purification of the stream are all in favour of the rapid growth of the rank vegetation which further chokes the channel and impedes its natural flow, so that the nuisance is aggravated in two ways. But even if it was possible to prevent this backward flow of the sewage which enters the drain in its underground passage through the town, the nuisance would not be finally abated. Something should be done to prevent the use of what should be a clean agricultural drain as a sewer for parts of the Rural District. If the course of the drain is followed from Carr Lane to Hook no SERIOUS evidence of pollution is seen until we reach a point when it picks up a tributary drain from the village of Hook which flows south along Garth Lane then turns west along the south side of Hook House Farm. This drain is actually an open sewer with a steady



flow of strong sewage which must come from dwelling-houses in Hook. Any scheme which disregards this improper use of the agricultural drains in the rural area which eventually flow into the Hook Drain cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

## STORAGE OF PETROL.

The use of the petrol storage tank at the Marshland Hotel, Swinefleet Road has been discontinued.

## FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES ETC.

Following requests from this department to the persons concerned the following improvements have been carried out in factories :—

1. VAL Cleaners, 8 West Street—dry cleaning works. Two new W.C.s have been provided, one for males and one for females.

2. A. Riches, 38 Richard Cooper Street—bakehouse. A new W.C. has been provided so that there is now separate W.C. accommodation for male and female employees.

3. Messrs. G. D. Holmes Ltd., Hook Road—Engineers. A new W.C. has been provided where none previous existed.

4. Goole Shipbuilding and Repairing Co. Ltd., Swinefleet Road—the trough closets are to be replaced by W.C.s and plans have been submitted and approved.

The following matters have also been satisfactorily remedied:—

Inadequate artificial lighting of conveniences	1
Redecoration of conveniences	4
Cleansing of dirty conveniences	3
Workrooms redecorated	1
Abstract of Factory Act not displayed	1

Only one notification has been received in respect of outworks—one woman engaged in knitting wearing apparel.

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## ANALYSIS OF VISITS, INSPECTIONS, SAMPLING ETC., CARRIED OUT BY THE INSPECTORIAL STAFF.

### FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

Public Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	787
Meat shops and butchers' preparation rooms	...	...	...	22
Bakehouses	...	...	...	29
Provision shops	...	...	...	55
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	10
Hotel, cafe and school kitchens	...	...	...	22
Licensed premises and eating houses	...	...	...	7
Market stalls and hawkers' vehicles	...	...	...	5

### MILK AND MILK PREMISES, ICE CREAM AND ICE CREAM PREMISES.

Dairies	...	...	...	14
Ice cream factories, stalls, vehicles and shops	...	...	...	75
Ice cream samples and lollipops for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	6

## **WATER.**

Samples of drinking water for bacteriological examination ...	32
Samples of drinking water for chemical analysis ...	2

## **HOUSING.**

Inspections re Improvement Grants ...	141
Inspections re Housing Repairs and Rents Act ...	9
Routine inspection of Council houses ...	337
Re-verifying applications for council houses ...	212
Houses inspected under Housing Consolidated Regulations ...	235
Structural defects or disrepair ...	331
Sanitary defects or nuisances ...	409
Investigating suspected overcrowding ...	37
Verminous premises ...	14
Supervising disinfestations ...	29

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

Investigating infectious diseases ...	12
Supervising disinfections ...	2
Suspected food poisoning ...	8

## **SHOPS.**

Shops for the purposes of the Shops Act ...	186
Shops for the purpose of the health and comfort of the employees ...	30

## **FACTORIES.**

Factories where motive power is used ...	149
Factories where motive power is not used ...	44

## **RODENT AND INSECT PESTS.**

Rat infestations (primary visits 116. Revisits 245) ...	361
Mice infestations (primary visits 20. Revisits 33) ...	53
Beetle infestations (primary visits 25. Revisits 5) ...	30

## **MISCELLANEOUS.**

Hairdressing saloons ...	5
Petroleum stores ...	7
Schools ...	11
Public conveniences ...	3
Smoke observations ...	5
Allotments ...	4
Refuse tips ...	17
Rag and bone stores ...	1
Samples of water from Public Swimming Bath for Bacteriological examination ...	24
Unclassified visits ...	916
Inspections where notices are in force ...	810
Inspections where works are in progress ...	841
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	6,361

## **COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING 1955.**

General disrepair ...	83
Defective chimney pots ...	11
Defective chimney stacks ...	3



Defective chimney flues	...	...	...	2
Defective roofs	...	...	...	22
Defective eaves gutters	...	...	...	9
Defective fallpipes	...	...	...	1
Defective windows	...	...	...	6
Defective doors	...	...	...	1
Defective walls	...	...	...	25
Defective yards	...	...	...	2
Defective drains	...	...	...	103
Defective W.C.s	...	...	...	28
Defective ceilings	...	...	...	1
Defective floors	...	...	...	20
Defective cooking ranges	...	...	...	7
Defective fireplaces	...	...	...	9
Defective sinks	...	...	...	3
Defective taps	...	...	...	13
Defective service pipes	...	...	...	61
Defective dustbins	...	...	...	65
Bug infestations	...	...	...	8
Beetle infestations	...	...	...	30
Rat infestations	...	...	...	86
Mice infestations	...	...	...	14
Dampness	...	...	...	17
Nuisance from animals	...	...	...	3
Accumulations of refuse	...	...	...	16
Dirty houses	...	...	...	8
Defective hot water systems	...	...	...	2
Damage to hedges	...	...	...	1
Smoke nuisances	...	...	...	9
Woodworm	...	...	...	3
Offensive smells	...	...	...	5
Pigeons	...	...	...	2
Overcrowded houses	...	...	...	8
Defective back road	...	...	...	1
Defective fencing	...	...	...	2
Rowdiness	...	...	...	1
Noise	...	...	...	1
Rabbits	...	...	...	1
Cockerels	...	...	...	1
Bats	...	...	...	1
Snails	...	...	...	1
Flooding	...	...	...	1
Dry rot	...	...	...	1
Unclassified defects	...	...	...	9
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#### **ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS.**

Written request to person responsible to remedy defect or to abate nuisance	...	...	...	348
Remedied or abated by direct action within the Department	...	...	...	197
Advice given to complainant	...	...	...	87
No action (complaints illfounded or already remedied)	...	...	...	75
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# **DEFECTS REMEDIED AND NUISANCES ABATED BY THE SERVICE OF WRITTEN NOTICES.**

Type of Notices.	Outstanding Notices 1.1.55.	Notices served during 1955	Total Notices in force 1955.	Notices complied with.	Outstanding Notices 31.12.55
Informal Notices ...	86	306	392	291	101
<b>Statutory Notices :—</b>					
Housing Act, 1936, Section 9 ...	9	127	136	112	24
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 39 ...	1	—	1	1	—
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 34 ...	—	1	1	1	—
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 ...	1	20	21	18	3
Public Health Act, 1936, Section 93 ...	9	33	42	38	4
W.R.C.C. General Powers Act, Sec. 51	—	21	21	21	—
Totals ...	106	508	614	482	132

## **HOUSING DEFECTS REMEDIED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE OF NOTICES.**

Chimney pots renewed	...	...	...	...	4
Chimney pots refixed	...	...	...	...	7
Chimney pots re-launched	...	...	...	...	4
Chimney stacks rebuilt	...	...	...	...	2
Chimney stacks repointed	...	...	...	...	4
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	66
Fallpipes renewed, repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	33
Windows renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	16
Windows reglazed	...	...	...	...	40
Windows reputtied	...	...	...	...	4
Window reveals repointed	...	...	...	...	9
Doors (external) renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	7
Doors (external) new thresholds	...	...	...	...	9
Doors (external) new weatherboards	...	...	...	...	2
Walls (main) brickwork rebuilt	...	...	...	...	1
Walls (main) repointed	...	...	...	...	2
Walls (main) damp courses inserted	...	...	...	...	12
Walls (fence or boundary) rebuilt	...	...	...	...	12
Walls (fence or boundary) repaired	...	...	...	...	15
Gates (yard) renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Gate posts (yard) renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	7
Drains relaid	...	...	...	...	2
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	49
Drains inspection chamber covers renewed	...	...	...	...	1

## OUTBUILDINGS.

Roofs reslated	...	...	...	...	3
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Walls, rebuilt	...	...	...	...	2
Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Walls repointed	...	...	...	...	6
Doors renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	5

## WATERCLOSETS.

Cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	19
Chains provided	...	...	...	...	1
Flush pipes rejointed	...	...	...	...	7
Basins renewed	...	...	...	...	7
Seats renewed	...	...	...	...	7
Service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	40

## INTERNAL.

Ceilings renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	17
Walls replastered	...	...	...	...	61
Skirtingboards repaired	...	...	...	...	8
Floors relaid or repaired	...	...	...	...	28
Cooking ranges renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	29
Fireplaces renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	9
Window-cords renewed	...	...	...	...	33
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Sink waste pipes renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	11
Wash coppers renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Taps renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	16
Service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Handrails fixed or repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	54
Bug infestations remedied	...	...	...	...	4
Dirty houses cleansed	...	...	...	...	3
Unclassified defects	...	...	...	...	1

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## CATTLE MARKET 1955.

(NOTE:—all animals entered for sale at the cattle market are fatstock and there is no trade in store animals).

Month.	Beasts.	Calves.	Pigs.	Sheep.	Total.
January	... 326	—	750	117	1193
February	... 556	—	1240	92	1888
March	... 296	1	653	40	990
April	... 383	3	732	313	1431
May	... 482	2	896	183	1563
June	... 271	1	497	136	905
July	... 181	1	448	187	817
August	... 245	—	402	344	991
September	... 239	—	411	349	999
October	... 317	4	503	503	1327
November	... 259	10	503	342	1114
December	... 179	4	570	210	963
Total for 1955	... 3734	26	7605	2816	14181
Total for 1939	... 2825	5	2233	2133	7196

## SLAUGHTERHOUSE 1955

(NOTE :—the chief users of the slaughterhouse are the retail butchers and very little wholesale trade is done).

Month.		Beasts.	Calves.	Pigs.	Sheep.	Total.
January	...	140	2	240	92	474
February	...	126	2	262	84	474
March	...	128	—	279	94	501
April	...	134	4	259	139	536
May	...	139	4	411	150	704
June	...	116	1	337	188	642
July	...	146	2	276	389	813
August	...	122	2	252	329	705
September	...	146	1	312	343	802
October	...	192	3	402	429	1026
November	...	150	6	326	315	797
December	...	163	2	638	257	1060
Casual Slaughter	...	183	—	1211	148	1542
Total for 1955	...	1885	29	5205	2957	10076
Total for 1939	...	1651	32	2526	3518	7727

## CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED 1955

		Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed if known	...	1692	193	29	2957	5205
Number inspected	...	1692	193	29	2957	5205
All diseases except tuberculosis : Whole carcasses condemned	...	7	4	3	2	11
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	100	7	—	2	131
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	...	6.3	5.7	10.3	0.13	2.7
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses condemned...		2	—	—	—	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	137	9	1	—	55
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	...	8.2	4.5	3.4	—	1.1



## MEAT CONDEMNED—TUBERCULOSIS

	Beasts.	Cows.	Calves.	Pigs.
Full carcasses	... 2			2
Forequarters	... 2	2		
Parts of carcasses (specify)				
Heads and tongues	... 68	6	1	48
Lungs	... 88	7		12
Hearts	... 2	2		12
Livers	... 10	2		13
Kidneys	...	3		
Mesenteries	... 4	2		2
Intestines	... 4	2		2
Stomachs	... 4	2		2
Spleens	... 3	2		
Diaphragms	... 2	2		
Udders	...	2		

## MEAT CONDEMNED—CONDITIONS OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS—FULL CARCASSES.

	Beasts.	Cows.	Calves.	Pigs.	Sheep.
Bruising	...	1			
Decomposition	... 1				
Jaundice	...			2	
Oedema	... 2	2	1	5	
Pericarditis	... 3	1	1		
Peritonitis	... 1			1	
Pneumonia	...		1		
Septicaemia	...			1	
Swine erysipelas	...			1	
Swine fever	...			1	
Moribund	...				2

### OFFAL.

Heads, actinomycosis	... 3				
Tongues, do.	... 3				
Heads, abscesses	... 1				
Lungs, cysts	... 25	1			
Lungs, congestion	...			107	
Livers, flukes	... 8	2			
Livers, abscesses	... 42	2			
Livers, cysts	...			14	
Livers, angioma	... 27				
Part carcasses					
Local bruising	... 1	1			
Udders, mastitis	...	2			
Plucks, cysts	...			2	
Plucks, degeneration	...			10	2
Plucks, abscesses	...				1

# **FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**

## **PART 1 OF THE ACT.**

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises. (1)	M/c. line No. Register (2)	Number on (3)	Inspection (4)	Number of Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	M/c line No. (7)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	41	44	5	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	87	149	10	Nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	4	4	Nil	Nil	3
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	...	132	197	15	Nil	

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. Found (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found (3)	Number of cases in which defects were found (4)	Referred To H.M. (5)	By H.M. (6)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	1	1				4
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—Insufficient	9	3	3				9
Unsuitable or defective	10	7	7				10
Not separate for sexes	11	1	1				11
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	...	60	12	12	Nil	Nil	60

**PART VIII OF THE ACT. OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).**

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111			M/c line No. (9)
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecutions (8)	
Wearing apparel								
Making	13	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>70</b>

## CONSUMPTION OF WATER.

Month.	Water pumped in gallons.	Average daily consumption.
January	... 44,768,000	1,444,129
February	... 40,885,428	1,460,494
March	... 47,151,679	1,521,022
April	... 44,036,891	1,467,896
May	... 40,784,000	1,315,613
June	... 37,593,000	1,253,100
July	... 42,506,000	1,371,161
August	... 40,807,000	1,314,843
September	... 39,496,000	1,269,528
October	... 37,271,000	1,204,406
November	... 39,692,000	1,329,004
December	... 41,758,000	1,339,472

## METEOROLOGY.

### RAINFALL AND SHADE TEMPERATURES RECORDED AT GOOLE IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

1955

Rain gauge :—Diameter of Funnel at Top :        5 inches.  
                                  Height of Top above ground :        1 foot.  
                                  Height of Ground above M.S.L. : 18 feet.

(Mr. R. Buttery of the British Transport Commission, Humber Ports Goole, has kindly furnished me with the following particulars).

		No. of days with .01" or more recorded.	Greatest fall in 24 hours.	Maximum Reading during month.	Minimum Reading during month.	Mean Monthly Temp.	
		Total Inches.	Days.	Inches.	Deg.	Deg.	
January	...	1.30	15	.37	52	22	36.54
February	...	1.79	15	.63	49	22	35.4
March	...	2.39	14	.58	54	27	39.37
April	...	.86	14	.28	65	36	51.5
May	...	3.06	19	.89	70	37	50.75
June	...	2.38	11	.73	72	42	58.11
July	...	1.03	4	.50	84	47	66.6
August	...	.68	6	.33	82	50	65.97
September	...	1.13	12	.34	75	48	59.26
October	...	1.68	13	.44	72	31	49.93
November	...	1.44	12	.37	59	34	46.13
December	...	2.75	17	.45	57	24	41.63

Average rainfall for past 42 years — 24.92 inches.

### RAINFALL AND TOTAL SOLID DEPOSIT.

Month.	Rainfall in inches.			Solids Dep. in	
	Welfare Centre. Gauge	Docks Offices.	Pollington Waterworks.	tons per sq.ml. Welfare Centre Gauge	
January ...	broken	1.30	1.41	broken	
February ...	do.	1.79	1.62	do.	
March ...	2.24	2.39	2.21	14.12	
April ...	1.04	0.86	1.04	11.28	
May ...	2.87	3.06	2.80	14.66	
June ...	2.40	2.38	1.71	12.16	
July ...	1.04	1.03	0.86	6.45	
August ...	0.52	0.68	0.51	12.63	
September ...	1.15	1.13	1.14	8.51	
October ...	1.83	1.68	1.45	11.21	
November ...	1.51	1.44	1.36	9.69	
December ...	2.51	2.75	2.16	15.34	









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